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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 11, 2006, and the Advisory Action of

November 29, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on November

13, 2006 (November 11, 2006 being a Saturday), and for which a Request for Extension of Time

for two months is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to expire

January 11, 2007, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the

above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of
the application, in due course: However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express

request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of

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time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.